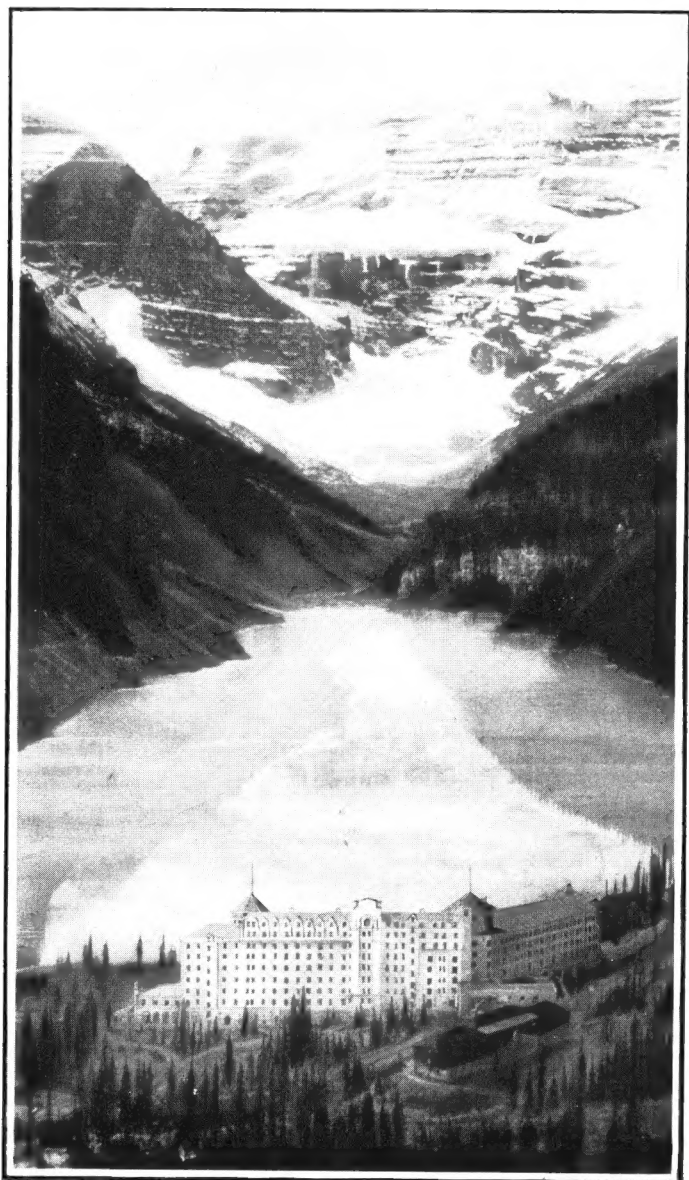


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IN THE CANADIAN PACIFIC ROCKIES



CHATEAU LAKE LOUISE
A CANADIAN PACIFIC HOTEL

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Pearl of the Rockies The Lake Louise—probably the most perfect gem of scenery in the known world—bears the liquid music, the soft color notes of its name, almost into the realm of the visible. Geographically a “cirque lake”—a deep, steep walled recess caused by glacial erosion, nestling 600 feet above the railway on the far side of a mountain palisade, amidst an amphitheatre of peaks—it is a dramatic palette upon which the Great Artist has splashed his most gorgeous hues, a wonderful spectrum of color. Deepest and most exquisitely colored is the lake itself, sweeping from rosy dawn to sunset through green, blue, amethyst and violet, undershot by gold; dazzling white is the sun-glorified Victoria Glacier, at the farther end; sombre are the enclosing pine-clad peaks that dip perpendicularly into the lake; and magnificent are the stark immensities of the snow-covered peaks that enclose the picture except for the fleecy blue sky overhead.

The Chateau On the margin of this most perfect lake, in a wonderful Alpine flower garden where poppies, violets, columbines, anemones and sheep laurel slope through terraced lawns to the water's edge the Canadian Pacific has placed its great Chateau Lake Louise. The first hotel built by the Company on this spot was an unpretentious log cabin. Some years later a bigger building was erected and this has been repeatedly enlarged to meet the demands of an ever-increasing stream of tourists, until to-day a fire-proof modern and luxurious hotel with accommodation for seven hundred guests now stands there (open June 1st to September 30th).

Adjoining the Chateau is a new concrete swimming pool with glacial water heated to a comfortable temperature. There are also two splendid tennis courts attached to the hotel.

A Circle of Peaks The peaks that surround Lake Louise form such a magnificent background that many visitors ask nothing better than to sit on the hotel verandah watching the marvellous kaleidoscope of beauty and color that they present. From left to right they are: Saddleback, Fairview, Lefroy, Victoria, Collier, Popes, Whyte, the Devil's Thumb, the Needles, Big Beehive, Niblock, St. Piran, and Little Beehive. At the far end of the Lake, catching for the greater part of the day the full glory of the sun, their snow-fields standing out in dazzling whiteness, are the glaciers that drop down from Mount Victoria and the lofty ice-crowned head of Mount Lefroy.

Along the westerly shores of Lake Louise a delightful mile-and-a-half walk along a level trail affords splendid views of further peaks Mounts Haddo, Aberdeen and the Mitre.

Many Fine Excursions For those who are eager to be out on the trail, there are many fine excursions around Lake Louise. These trips are on foot or on the back of a sure-footed mountain pony; some can be made by motor. The trails are well established ones, constantly being improved and extended. The most popular trail trips are to Lakes in the Clouds, Victoria Glacier, Saddleback, and Paradise Valley; by motor one can go to Moraine Lake, Banff or Field, while there are some magnificent climbs. As definite objectives on these trail trips there is tea house, bungalow camp, or Alpine hut accommodation at Moraine Lake, Lake Agnes, the Saddleback, Abbot Pass and the Plain of the Six Glaciers.

Lakes in the Clouds One of the loveliest short climbs is to the Lakes in the Clouds, situated a thousand feet and more higher than Lake Louise, nestling on the side of the mountain range.

The trail, leaving the west end of the Chateau, rises gradually through spruce and fir forests to Mirror Lake (altitude 6,655 feet), thence upward to Lake Agnes (6,875 feet).

Up there the ice and snow seldom melt before July, and yet there are quantities of wild flowers blooming near the charming little tea house on the brink of Lake Agnes, with its flower-decked tables and a great log fire. If you are not too weary, it is possible to go on from here to the top of Little Beehive or up to the observatory on the top of Big Beehive; but for these expeditions it is best to be equipped with stout mountain boots.

The Saddleback Another excellent walking or pony excursion is up a good trail to the Saddleback, an altitude of 1,800 feet above Lake Louise.

This is another excellent walking or pony excursion in an opposite direction. Crossing the bridge over Lake Louise creek, the trail rises rapidly on the slopes of Mount Fairview, between that mountain and Saddleback. From an Alpine meadow on the pass a fine view of Paradise Valley is obtained, with dainty Lake Annette lying far below the gigantic guardian peaks. The very contrast of the frowning walls which enclose it lend an additional charm to this fairyland at your feet. After the climb up Saddleback you may stop to rest at a tea house which claims to be the highest in the British Empire.

Paradise Valley Between Moraine Lake and Lake Louise lies Paradise Valley, about six miles long, carpeted with anemones, asters and other Alpine flowers. Great peaks rise around it like citadel walls.

The valley can be reached from the Moraine Lake trail up Paradise Creek, or from Saddleback down a step zigzag trail through beautiful Sheol Valley, then following up Paradise Creek to the Giant's Steps, a stair-like formation over which Paradise Creek tumbles in a beautiful cascade. The journey may then be continued across the valley to Lake Annette, a tiny emerald sheet of water on the other side of Mount Temple. From the Giant's Steps a trail leads across the valley to Sentinel Pass, whence descent can be made through a lovely Alpine meadow known as Larch Valley to Moraine Lake.

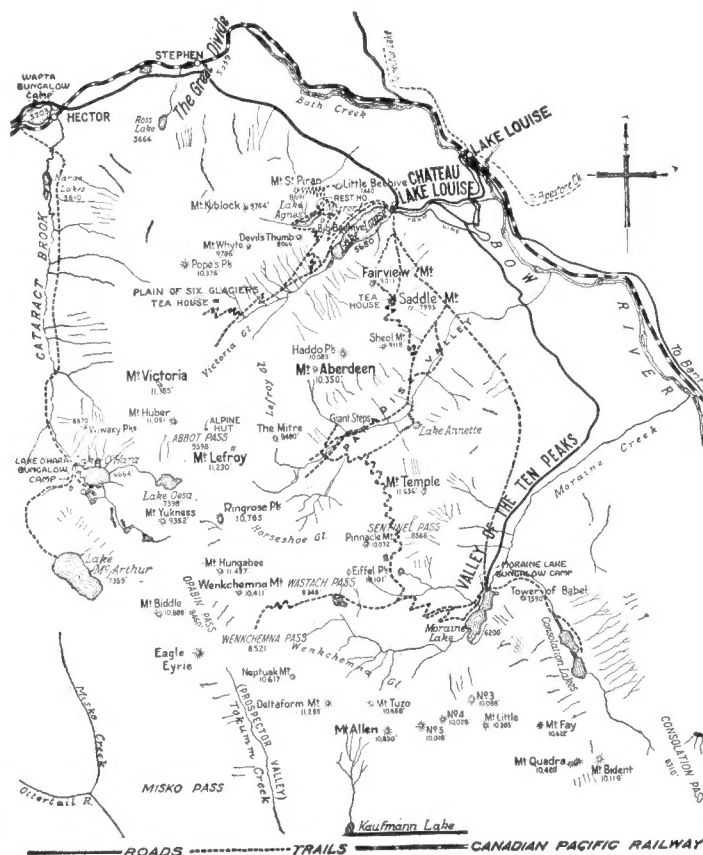
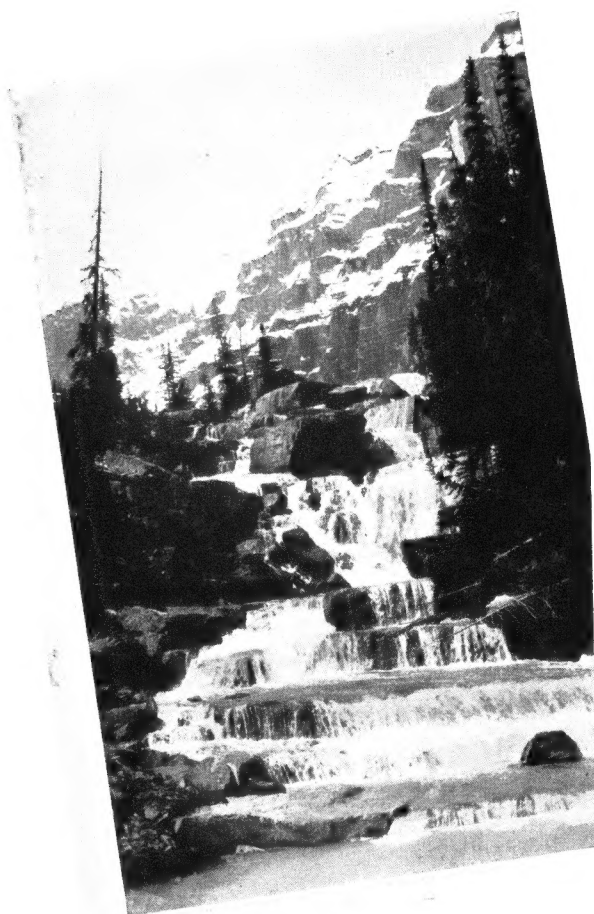
Moraine Lake This lovely mountain lake, lying exquisitely blue-green at the base of ten giant peaks, is nine miles from the Chateau, and can also be reached by automobile (cars leave twice daily). The tremendous semi-circle of the Ten Peaks that encircles the eastern and southern sides of the lake presents a jagged profile that makes a most majestic picture. Not one of these peaks is less than 10,000 feet in height—the highest, Mount Deltaform, is 11,225 feet. Standing off a little, as a sort of outpost, is the Tower of Babel, an interesting rock formation of unusual shape. On the shore of the lake is Moraine Lake Bungalow Camp, a pleasant little chalet that provides meals and sleeping accommodation for nine. An extension trip should be made to Consolation Lake, the waters of which contain a plentiful supply of rainbow, Dolly Varden, and cut-throat trout.

There is a charming little tea house at the Plain of Six Glaciers, about four miles from the Chateau, where one may ride or walk for luncheon or afternoon tea, passing along the right-hand shore of the lake. There is sleeping accommodation here for four.

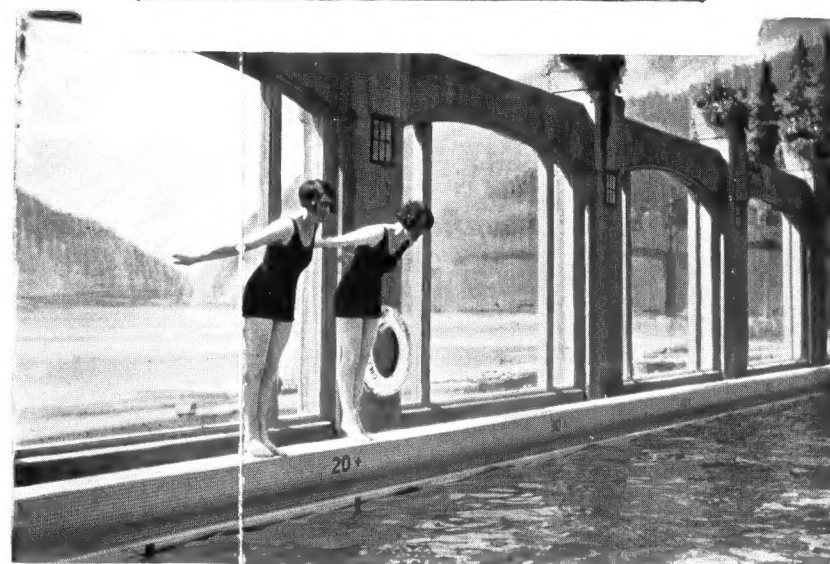
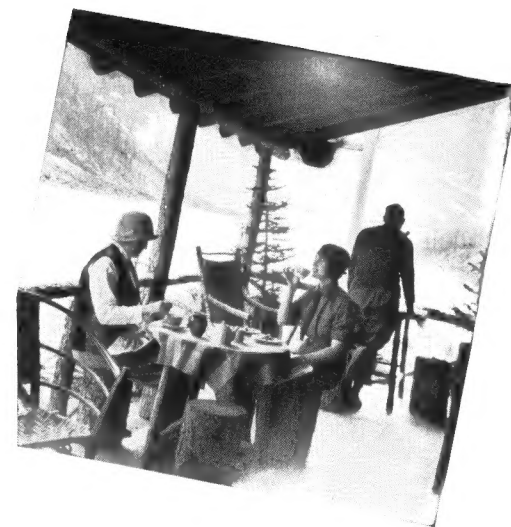
Easy Climbs Lake Louise is one of the recognized mountain climbing centres of the Rockies, and has many good climbs both for the novice and the experienced alpinist. Some short and easy climbs will be found in the Beehive, Mount St. Piran, Saddle Mountain and Mount Fairview.

Abbot Pass From Victoria Glacier there is a fine climb over Abbot Pass between Mount Victoria and Mount Lefroy, descending to Lake O'Hara. It is well to start in the morning, taking the trail around the west shore of the Lake, ascending the Victoria Valley and following the edge of Victoria Creek until you reach the foot of the glacier. The glacier is three miles long and a half mile wide, and there is much of interest such as glacier tables, moulins and seracs. An Alpine hut (with accommodation for twenty) is situated near the summit of the Pass at an altitude of over 9,500 feet for the convenience of climbers, and most people prefer to stop the night here and see a glorious sunrise in the morning. This expedition may be undertaken by the novice, who however, must be accompanied by a Swiss guide.

Lake O'Hara In the morning you descend the other side of the Pass to Lake O'Hara, one of the loveliest of all Rocky Mountain waters. Here there is a Bungalow Camp where you may stay before returning to Louise, and perhaps, if you have a few hours to spare, take the trail that leads to Lake McArthur, whose blue waters lie at an altitude of 7,359 feet. There is a glacier here, and huge blocks of ice may be seen floating on the surface of the lake, even in the summer time.



(Above) Moraine Lake and the gigantic semi-circle of the "Ten Peaks."—(Below, centre) Lake Louise and its vicinity—(Left) The Giant's Steps, Paradise Valley—(Right) Paradise Valley from the Saddleback—(Inset) Saddleback Tea House.
Lake Louise



(Above, left to right) Moraine Lake Camp—The Chateau Lake Louise—The Tea House at Lake Agnes.
 (Below) Lake Louise, from the Chateau—The Swimming Pool—(Inset) Ptarmigan Lake.
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Harder Climbs For the expert alpinist there are plenty of climbs around Lake Louise that will provide him with sufficient opportunity to use his skill.

Some of these are the ascent of the Devil's Thumb, the Pass between Mount St. Piran and Mount Niblock, Eiffel Peak, Wenkchemna Lake and Glacier, Consolation Pass and Boom Lake, Mount Aberdeen, Mount Temple and Saddle Mountain.

Swiss Guides Are attached to the Chateau Lake Louise for those who wish to visit the glaciers, climb mountains, or make some of the more strenuous trips through the passes. As they are greatly in demand, it is advisable to make arrangements well in advance. Rates \$7.00 per day. Climbers should be equipped with Swiss Alpine climbing boots.

Trail Trips Lake Louise is a good starting point for riding and camping trips over the trails maintained by the National Parks Department through the magnificent Alpine country of this region of the Great Divide. The Ptarmigan Valley, Hector Lake, Bow Lake, the Molar Pass, the Skoki Valley, Baker Creek are but a few suggestions. During July and August, circle trail trips will be operated weekly around the Bungalow Camps from Lake Louise on a trip lasting six days.

Along the Pipestone An excellent trail north of the Bow River from Lake Louise, along the valley of the Pipestone River, leads to an Alpine lake full of trout eager for the fly. The camping ground is nineteen miles from Lake Louise station, so that guides, ponies, and outfit are recommended for those who wish to fish. The season opens on July 1st. The lake is in an Alpine meadow amid high glacial surroundings of spectacular grandeur and beauty. On the return journey a magnificent view is afforded of the group of peaks which form a chalice for Lake Louise itself.

Wild Life All these expeditions hold a wonderful charm, especially for those interested in the wild animal life and the exquisite Alpine flowers of the mountains. Over 500 species of flowers grow in the Rocky Mountains, and many of these are to be found in the valleys and on the lower slopes and Alpine meadows of the Lake Louise region.

Of the wild creatures, the Hoary Marmot, who is well-known by his shrill whistle, the Marten, the Chipmunk, the Bighorn or Mountain Sheep and Black-tail or Mule Deer, are seen in large numbers. Black Bears are also not uncommon, and are very tame, many of them even showing a willingness to become pets.

Motoring Visitors to Lake Louise will find a number of very attractive motor excursions available. Besides the one to Moraine Lake mentioned above, there is the drive to Banff, via Johnston Canyon. Last year the road from Banff to Lake Louise was continued to Field. This leads west on a high line to the Great Divide, and crossing to near Wapta Bungalow Camp at Hector, follows the brawling Kicking Horse River. It is a spectacular ride and links up with established roads in Yoho National Park. In 1927 an extension of the road will be opened from Field to Golden, connecting at the latter point with the road south to the Windermere Valley.

Banff-Windermere Road The Banff-Windermere road, pioneer and still the leader of these mountain roads, offers a magnificent and spectacular ride over the Great Divide and through Kootenay National Park. Three well-known Bungalow Camps are situated en route, at Storm Mountain, Vermilion River and Radium Hot Springs; and at Lake Windermere, a lovely warm-water lake in the picturesque scenery of the Columbia River Valley is still another. The journey can be commenced either from Banff or Lake Louise.

During July and August this year, three-day circle tours will run twice weekly over the Banff-Windermere Road, turning north to Golden and back through Yoho National Park along the road previously mentioned.